

J. H. Paget Named 'Citizen of the Year'

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POLITICS NIP REMOVAL OF PARKING METERS

Mayor's Cleanup Litterally Dies



DIRTY MONDAY—Mayor Isen will be appalled to know that his campaign against littering the city is bearing little fruit. This is corner in mid-town early Monday morning.



USE THE ALLEY—Mayor has filed one criminal action, then withdrew it, against store for littering city. His drive is being ignored by many, as the alley above shows.

Blount Blocks Motion of Nick Drale

Shoppers, Merchants to Keep Suffering Until After Election

Torrance nearly lost its parking meters Tuesday night, but politics reared its head to stall the action till after the election.

Councilman Nick Drale, noting downtown property values are dropping, sales taxes are falling off, and merchants and shoppers are at the end of their patience with the penny-grabbing monsters, made a motion to tear out the meters at once.

His motion won a quick second from Robert B. Jahn.

George Bradford indicated his support for the proposal at once.

"I made the same motion months ago and couldn't even get a second," he said.

Victor E. Benstead also appeared to favor removal of the meters. He said he opposed their installation from the beginning. He also wanted to know what would compensate for the lack of revenue.

Drale said the resulting boost in sales taxes, plus restoration of property values and better rent prices should amply make up the difference.

He said it is a chance the city will have to take as an alternative to a downtown ghost town if the meters are left in operation.

"We have to give the central area a shot in the arm," said Drale, "and this will do it."

Just as the council appeared enthusiastic about ripping out the meters, Willys Blount offered a substitute motion to table the action till after the city election April 12.

His motion carried, with Jahn the only one holding out for eliminating the meters now.

Two Injured in Collision on Torrance Blvd.

Two persons were injured in a crash at Crenshaw and Torrance Blvds. late Monday. Two cars were involved in the crash, which damaged a service station.

Lloyd F. Walner of Burbank collided with Anne H. Druin, 67, of 25319 Oak St., Lomita.

Mira Carr, 13, of Rolling Hills, a passenger in the Druin car, suffered a fractured leg. The driver was cut and bruised. Walner's car was a total loss.

A sign and light standard at the gas station were wrecked.

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DEMOCRATS ACTIVATE—Pretty Kay King of Southwood, who just turned 21 and registered, will vote for first time in City Council elections. She and Roger West, Torrance Democrats' president, are touring town touting appearance of

dandidates at Higgins Patio April 9. Officer Eugene Gillette stopped the vehicle (a Swift) for—let's see—going too fast for conditions, the conditions being he didn't get a good look at the car, which belongs to Pete Millar, Lomita artist.

Democrats Fire Triple-Barreled Blast, Say Vico Owes Allegiance to Special Interests

Charges of special interest were fired at George Vico, City Council candidate, this week in a triple-barreled blast by Torrance Democrats Inc.

Vico is considered the principal threat, with exception of the incumbents, to election of candidates who are members of the Democrat club.

The attack was contained in a resolution prepared by Roger West, president, and unanimously endorsed by the Democrats' board of directors.

It declared that Vico is employed by the Dominguez Estate Co., which is an offshoot of the Dominguez Water Co., now involved in a \$2,000,000 law suit with the city.

The resolution proceeded to declare that the water company filed an application for a rate increase of about 25% with the state Public Utilities Commission, but did not file supporting proofs, so the plea was rejected. It can be filed again at any time.

The Democrats are claiming the proofs were withheld till after the city's election. They declared that Vico hardly could vote as a

councilman on issues pertaining to water or the law suit and that his abstention would result in a six-man voting team, which could mean a stalemate.

"The public is entitled to have seven council members, none having to disqualify themselves because of any issues in which their company may be interested," the statement read.

The club directors also said Dominguez has extensive real-estate holdings in the city, and since it serves about 15% of the residents with water, many issues could arise that would disqualify Vico from voting.

The Democrats also lashed at the candidate's record as a member of the Park and Recreation Commission. They said he concluded a career of absences by resigning and announcing to the newspapers that the commission was a joke.

"A campaign based on recreation should have a firmer foundation than this, and a sportsman should know an umpire cannot draw a salary from two teams," the Democrats concluded.

Chamber Honors Doss J. H. Paget Receives Award as '59 Citizen of the Year

Joe M. Doss received the president's award as the outstanding committee chairman of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce as a highlight of the chamber's annual banquet last night at the Statler-Hilton, Los Angeles.

Doss, chairman of the chamber's aviation committee, is also general chairman of the Powder Puff Derby, which will take off from the Torrance Municipal Airport July 9. Last year's recipient was Fred Brunner of the education committee.

Other awards were presented to Lysle R. Albrow and Brunner for the work they did in writing, directing, and narrating the chamber's Business-Industry-Education Day film.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has or-

J. H. Paget, retailer and civic leader, received the award as Torrance's Citizen of the Year for 1959 as a highlight of the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce held last night at the Statler-Hilton, Los Angeles.

Paget, manager of J. J. Newberry's downtown Torrance store, is finishing a year as president of the Torrance Chamber.

During his term, national honors have been received by the chamber, and civic officials agree 1959 probably was the greatest in Torrance's history. Born in El Paso, Paget was educated at Texas Western College. A veteran of more than 26 years with J. J. Newberry, the new-



J. H. PAGET

Death Takes Wife, Daughter of City Clerk

Funeral services will be conducted today at 1 p.m. from Halverson-Leavell Mortuary for Jessie Bartlett, 76, wife of A. H. Bartlett, Torrance city clerk.

Mrs. Bartlett died Tuesday in Torrance Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Kansas and came here in 1912. She leaves only her husband, of the family home, 1618 Anapola.

The Bartlett's daughter, Polly Janet Mosher, of 1120 8th Ave., Hermosa Beach, died last Friday.

Services for Mrs. Mosher were conducted from Halverson Monday.

Mr. Bartlett has been confined to his home with illness.

Carlson Made Deputy for City Election

The City Council Tuesday night approved creating Bob Carlson a deputy city clerk till the election is finished in April.

Carlson, senior administrative assistant to the city manager, had to be deputized to handle the election. He is taking over some of the duties of A. H. Bartlett, city clerk, who has been ill several weeks.

Gale Whitacre, city license inspector, is acting city clerk.

BRADFORD'S SON WINS PROMOTION

City Councilman George Bradford has received word that his son, Richard, 17, has been made a corporal at the Army-Navy Academy, Carlisle.

Another son, Frank, 15, is a PFC at the same school, which is accredited by West Point.